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1. USDEL RICHOND DISCUSSED, DURING CASTARAB CONFERENCE,
EGYPTIAN MARINE SCIENCE POLICY WITH DR. A.F. ABDEL-LATIF,
DIRECTOR EGYPTIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCES AND
FISHERIES WHO IS MEMBER OF EGYPTIAN DEL. THE INSTITUTE
IS UNDER THE ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY
AND IS THE PRINCIPAL GOE ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH
MARINE SCIENCE, ALTHOUGH MARINE RESEARCH IS ALSO
CARRIED OUT AT SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES, NOTABLY ALEXANDRIA
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2. DR. ABDEL-LATIF SAID THAT EGYPT DOES NOT HAVE AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL MARINE S&T POLICY NOR A PLAN FOR TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE OCEANS. A COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO DEVELOP PRIORITIES AND COORDINATE, TO SOME EXTENT, RESEARCH PROGRAMS AT VARIOUS FACILITIES. THIS BODY HAS NOT DONE ANY LONG RANGE POLICY PLANNING (FIVE YEAR PLANS, ETC.) AND PROBABLY HAS HAD ONLY A LIMITED EFFECT ON INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS. EGYPTIAN MARINE S&T PROGRAMS INCLUDE BOTH "INLAND WATERS" (PRIMARILY NIL) AND OCEAN (PRIMARILY RED SEA) ACTIVITIES. PROGRAM EMPHASIS IS ON MARINE BIOLOGY, WITH INCREASING INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND FISHERIES STOCK MANAGEMENT. COMPARATIVELY LESS EFFORT IS GOING INTO MARINE GEOLOGY EXCEPT WORK ASSOCIATED WITH COASTAL AND RIVER SOIL EROSION. GEOLOGY WORK FOR OFF-SHORE OIL EXPLORATION IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE, SPECIFICALLY, A PART OF MARINE RESEARCH AND IS CARRIED OUT IN THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND OTHER GOE AGENCIES AND THROUGH LICENSE.

4. INCREASING ATTENTION IS BEING GIVEN TO STOCK MANAGEMENT IN THE RED SEA. EGYPTIAN CATCHES IN THAT AREA WERE SAID TO HAVE DROPPED TO 12,000 TONS PER YEAR FROM A 1962-63 LEVEL OF 21,000 TONS PER YEAR. THE GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE TAKE TO 25,000 TONS PER YEAR. TO THIS END JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ARE BEING CONSIDERED WITH SUDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA.

5. ANSWERS TO REFTEL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FOLLOW (WHERE OBTAINED):

A. THERE IS NO GENERAL STATEMENT OF OVERALL MARINE SCIENCE POLICY OR SINGLE FUNDING OR FUND CHANNELING MECHANISM FOR MARINE RESEARCH. GOE INTEREST IN MARINE RESEARCH IS INCREASING PARTICULARLY IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND STOCK MANAGEMENT AREAS. THERE IS A COUNCIL TO ASSIST IN PRIORITY ASSESSING AND INTERINSTITUTIONAL INFO EXCHANGE.

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B. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC POLICY ON INTERACTION OF GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY AND UNIVERSITIES IN MARINE RESEARCH.

C. GOE INTEREST IN FISHERIES, MARINE MINERALS, COASTAL ZONE (EROSION, POLLUTION) AND OFF-SHORE OIL IS INCREASING. VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY IN NON-MILITARY MANNED UNDERSEA RESEARCH. THERE HAS BEEN NO TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT BASED ON MARINE RESEARCH TO DATE (EXCEPT OIL). THERE

ARE HOPES FOR ADVANCES IN POLLUTION CONTROL, FISH STOCKS, AND SHARK REPELLENTS. MARINE RESEARCH POLICY CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN DEVELOPING EGYPT'S LOS POSITIONS.

D. NO GOE POLICY STATEMENT ON MARINE SCIENCE MANPOWER TRAINING. MANPOWER PROJECTIONS ARE BASED ON NUMBER OF STUDENTS VOLUNTARILY ENROLLED IN MARINE SCIENCE FACULTIES.

E. GOE POLICIES ARE INCREASINGLY TAKING ACCOUNT OF OPPORTUNITIES AND NEED FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN MARINE R&D. THIS IS EVIDENCED BY OCEANOGRAPHY MARINE SCIENCE INTERESTS DURING CASTARAB AND BY EGYPT'S PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPING THE MEDITERRANEAN POLLUTION CONVENTION.ANDERSON

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